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SPARTAN ACADEMICS

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Most graduates of Sentinel High School earn college credits through AP or Dual Credit opportunities.**
- **AP is based on choice. Take as many classes as fit your schedule and still take advantage of the many extra-curricular programs available at Sentinel.**

What is Advanced Placement?

Are you ready for a unique learning experience that will help you succeed in college? Through AP's college-level courses and exams, you can earn university credit and/or advanced placement, stand out in the admission process, and learn from some of the most skilled, dedicated, and inspiring teachers in the world. Missoula County Public School's AP program currently holds prestigious placement on the 2nd Annual AP Honor Roll, a feat only 400 districts in the United States achieve!

From the moment you enter an AP classroom, you'll notice the difference in the teacher's approach to the subject, in the attitude of your classmates, in the way you start to think. In AP classes, the focus is not on memorizing

AP courses can help you acquire the skills and habits you need to be successful in college. You will improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem-solving abilities, and develop time management skills, discipline, and study habits.

Most four-year colleges in the United States and colleges in more than 60 other countries give students credit, advanced placement or both on the basis of AP Exam scores. By entering college with AP credits, you have the time to move into upper level courses, pursue a double-major or study abroad.

Sentinel is all about CHOICE!

Do your high school plans involve a combination of athletics and academics?

Do you want to earn enough college credits to enter a university as a sophomore?

Do you want to participate in Art and Music while earning credit in college math?

Do you plan to compete in Speech and Debate or to participate in Drama while you earn college credit in Biology?

You can accomplish it all at Sentinel. Take as many, or as few, AP/Dual Credit classes as you want while still participating in extra-curricular programs.

Who Participates?

Most students who graduate from Sentinel High School participate in the Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit Programs. The graduating class of 2011 took 408 AP or Dual Credit classes and earned 1125 college credits. At an average of \$330 per college credit, these students earned \$371,250 worth of credit while still in the safe environment of high school. Four (4) Sentinel graduates earned more than 45 credits, allowing them to enter college as 2nd semester sophomores. Another five (5) earned more than 30 credits, and 26 more earned between 10-30 credits. The class of 2012 is on pace for 186 students (60% of the class) to take 452 AP or Dual Credit classes and potentially earn 1250 University credits.

On the Record About AP

Student Support

"I enjoy pushing myself to achieve my greatest potential."
-Caroline B.

"AP courses are rigorous and challenging - plus they give me an opportunity to earn college credit."
- Emilee W.

ACADEMIES



AP and Dual Credit Courses 2012-13

CLASSES FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, SENIORS

- AP World History
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus BC
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Physics
- AP US History
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Literature
- AP: Music Theory
- AP Spanish
- AP Studio Art
- AP Government
- AP French
- Discrete Math
- AP English Language

SENTINEL - A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS

Sentinel High School is exploring the adoption of an academy in the 2013-14 school year.

One option is a STEM academy, a collaborative learning environment focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Another option may be Arts, Audio/Video Technology;

Students involved in our academy would be in a "School Within a School." Students

would still have a solid educational experience, the difference would be that they would be taught by a collaborative team of teachers who would theme their lessons around a common theme and focus on project based exercises.

If you would like to be involved in an Advisory Group to help launch the academy, please contact Mr. Blakely.



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

Concurrent Enrollment (Dual Credit)

Through a cooperative agreement with The University of Montana - College of Technology, Sentinel offers three Dual Enrollment courses in mathematics. Students qualifying for dual enrollment register at The UM-COT, but take the courses at Sentinel. Stu-

dents do all of the required high school curriculum and take the UM final exam. Math 115 (Linear Math and Probability) is a 3 credit course; Math 151 (Pre-Calculus) and Math 162 (Applied Calculus) are 4 credit courses. For less than \$600, Sentinel students

have the potential to earn up to eleven college credits while attending high school. Other options, including a dual credit English class, may be offered in the near future.